

REMARKS

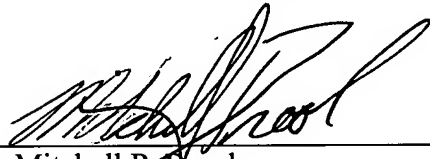
Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled and new claims 31-37 have been added.

Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Gagnon, U.S. Patent No. 6,769,018 in view of Official Notice. It is respectfully submitted that the references do not teach or suggest the present invention as clarified in claims 31-37. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims respectfully is requested. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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